

Washington, DC – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (GA-02) today announced that the Windstream Corporation of Georgia will receive an award of over \$5.1 million to extend its broadband network to provide broadband service to homes and businesses in Southwest Georgia currently not serviced with broadband. The project stands to benefit approximately 44,000 Georgians. In addition, 2,000 business and nearly 120 community institutions stand to benefit from the project. The Windstream Corporation plans to provide \$1.7 million towards the project.

Congressman Bishop said, “This broadband project greatly benefits the Second Congressional District. It will help our rural communities, enabling them to more fully participate in our recovering economy, while we continue to modernize rural education and health care. It will create jobs and economic opportunities for our rural businesses throughout Georgia, allowing them to take advantage of technology to help them remain profitable and competitive.”

The funding made available will provide broadband services to a significant portion of underserved areas in the Second District, including; Brooks, Dooly, Early, Grady, Macon, Miller, Sumter, Seminole, Schley, Talbot, and Thomas Counties.

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